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Election to fill a vacancy on the Legal and Technical Commission in accordance with part XI, section 4, subsection C, article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Council of the International Seabed Authority is invited to note that Kaiser Gonçalves de Souza (Brazil), member of the Legal and Technical Commission, resigned on 8 October 2013. Mr. Souza had been elected a member of the Commission on 21 July 2011 (see ISBA/17/C/21, para. 18), for a term of five years beginning 1 January 2012.

2. In accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and rule 80, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Council, in the event of the death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the Commission prior to the expiration of his or her term of office, the Council shall elect for the remainder of the term a member from the same geographical region or area of interest.

3. Article 163, paragraph 3, of the Convention and rule 81 of the rules of procedure of the Council provide that members of the Commission shall have appropriate qualifications in the area of competence of the Commission, and States parties shall nominate candidates of the highest standards of competence and integrity with qualifications in the relevant fields so as to ensure the effective exercise of the functions of the Commission.

4. By a note verbale dated 18 December 2013, the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the International Seabed Authority informed the secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Carlos Roberto Leite, Navy Captain, of the secretariat of the Interministerial Commission on Sea Resources of Brazil, as a candidate to fill the vacant seat on the Commission. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Leite is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Curriculum vitae*

Carlos Roberto Leite (Brazil)

Navy Captain Carlos Roberto Leite is an adviser at the Interministerial Commission on Sea Resources (CIRM) of Brazil, which is responsible for coordinating activities related to sea resources that include the Brazilian Antarctic Programme (PROANTAR), the Brazilian Continental Shelf Survey Plan (LEPLAC) and the Sectorial Plan for the Resources of the Sea (PSRM).

Mr. Leite is responsible for the following programmes related to marine mineral resources: the Programme for the Evaluation of the Mineral Potential of the Brazilian Legal Continental Shelf (REMPLAC) and the Programme for the Prospecting and Exploration of Mineral Resources in the Equatorial and South Atlantic International Area (PROAREA).

When it comes to mineral resources in international areas, he has participated in and advised the Brazilian delegation at meetings and other events related to the International Seabed Authority since 2008.

Besides these programmes, he has also participated in the execution of programmes related to the sustainable utilization of marine resources, including on ocean governance and biodiversity beyond national jurisdictions, since April 2007, when he retired from the Brazilian Navy after 34 years of active duty.

Mr. Leite was Officer-in-Charge of the Brazilian Maritime Rescue and Search Service in 2008 and 2009. In 2000 and 2001, he was also Chief of Staff of the second Naval District, which is located in the city of Salvador, Bahia.

He was Commanding Officer of the frigate *Bosísio* (2002 and 2003) and the destroyer *Paraná* (1997). Both ships were based in Rio de Janeiro.

He graduated from the Brazilian Naval Academy on 13 December 1976 as a Navy Officer in the field of mechanical engineering and has taken a specialized course in machinery. He holds a master's degree in advanced military studies from the Brazilian Naval War School (1991), a Ph.D. in naval science (politics and maritime strategy) (2004) and an MBA in international management from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (2004).

Languages

Portuguese and English

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.